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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 1763

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, EAID, BA, SA
SUBJECT: SWWRI MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO BAHRAIN

REF: STATE 181800

1. WE, TOO, WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WHAT SORT OF EQUIPMENT
SAUDIS PREPARED PURCHASE FOR BAHRAIN AND WE LOOK FORWARD
TO CHUSMTM'S REPLY TO REFTEL IN THIS REGARD.

2. WE SHARE DEPT'S FEELING THAT ANY ARMS WE MAY AGREE
TO SELL BAHRAIN SHOULD BE HANDLED AS STRAIGHT-FORWARD
USG-GOB ARRANGEMENT, WITHOUT COMPLICATING THINGS BY
ADDING SAG BUREAUCRACY TO OUR OWN AND TO GOB'S. WE SUSPECT
THAT GOB WOULD PREFER THAT WE NOT SHARE WITH SAG SURVEY
OF BDF NEEDS.

3. IF GOB WAS AWARE THAT SAG HAD PROPOSED PURCHASE-TRANSFER
ARRANGEMENT TO US, WE SUSPECT BAHRAINI HEIR APPARENT/DEFMIN
TOOK THIS ROUTE BECAUSE OF HIS LONG-STANDING FEELING THAT
USG (AND THIS EMBASSY IN PARTICULAR) WAS UNSYMPATHETIC TO
BDF NEEDS. HE MAY HAVE FELT SAUDI CONNECTION WOULD CARRY
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SUBSTANTIAL WEIGHT WITH US. IF, HOWEVER, WE PROVE WILLING
TO SELL ALL OR SOME OF EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED BY SURVEY,
DEFMIN WOULD HIMSELF PREFER DIRECT DEALING (HE IS KNOWN TO
HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY JORDANIAN CROWN PRINCE'S HORROR
STORIES OF THREE-WAY HAWK DEAL).

4. GIVEN LONG DELAY IN MAKING SURVEY REPORT AVAILABLE TO

GOB, THUS COMPOUNDING HEIR APPARENT'S FEELINGS DESCRIBE
ABOVE, WE WOULD HOPE BOTH DEPT AND DEFENSE WILL BE ABLE
RESPOND QUICKLY, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, TO ANY REQUESTS BY
GOB FOR EQUIPMENT RECOMMBFDEJ BY SURVEY TEAM.
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